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SUBJECT: ECUADOREAN ACCESS TO AMAZON: SECRETARY'S LETTER
TO FOREIGN MINISTER.

REF: A) STATE 083864; B) QUITO 2129

1. CHARGE DELIVERED SECRETARY'S LETTER ON ECUADOREAN
ACCESS TO THE AMAZON TO THE FOREIGN MINISTER ON APRIL 5.
FONMIN AYALA READ THE LETTER CAREFULLY IN THE PRESENCE
OF THE CHARGE, COMMENTING UPON CONCLUSION THAT HE BELIEVED
THE LETTER TO BE A FRIENDLY AND EXTREMELY USEFUL ACTION
BY THE SECRETARY. HE SAID HE WOULD STUDY THE LETTER
FURTHER AND REPLY TO THE SECRETARY.

2. FONMIN INQUIRED IF A SIMILAR LETTER HAD BEEN SENT TO
PERU'S FONMIN DE LA PUENTE AND WAS PLEASED TO KNOW ONE HAD.
HE STATED THAT THESE TWO LETTERS MIGHT WELL SERVE TO GET
PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL TALKS BACK ON TRACK, AND SAID
HE WAS READY TO NAME A TEAM TO GO TO LIMA THAT VERY DAY
SHOULD THE PERUVIAN GOVERNMENT INDICATE RECEIPTIVITY.

3. AYALA'S ONLY CRITICAL COMMENT ABOUT THE LETTER'S
CONTENT WAS ITS REFERENCE TO THE DIFFICULTY OF AVOIDING
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PUBLIC DECLARATIONS IN A YEAR WHEN ELECTORAL CAMPAIGNS
ARE UNDERWAY. HE EMPHASIZED THAT HIS SPEECH BEFORE THE
ECUADOREAN INSTITUTE FOR AMAZON COLONIZATION ON FEBRUARY 9.
WAS MADE IN RESPONSE TO PUBLIC STATEMENTS OF FONMIN
DE LA PUENTE, AND NOT OUT OF CONSIDERATION OF ECUADOREAN
POLITICAL SITUATION WHICH HE DESCRIBED AS VERY SECURE
AND STABLE.

4. COMMENT: AYALA WAS OBVIOUSLY PLEASED BY THE SECRETARY'S LETTER. HIS COMMENT ABOUT HIS PUBLIC STATEMENT NOT BEING MOTIVATED BY THE ECUADOREAN ELECTORAL CAMPAIGN REFLECTS HIS SENSITIVITY TO CRITICISM HE HAS RECEIVED FOR HAVING MADE THE FEBRUARY 9 SPEECH. THE EMBASSY BELIEVES AYALA'S REMARKS THERE WERE IMPRUDENT BUT ALSO THINKS THEY WERE IN RESPONSE TO DE LA PUENTE'S INTERVIEW WITH OIGA AND HIS PRESS STATEMENT, NOT BECAUSE OF THE INTERNAL POLITICAL SITUATION. AS ADMIRAL OLMEDO INDICATED TO EMBOFFS LAST WEEK, (REF B), PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES MAY HAVE ALREADY ACCEPTED GOE REQUEST TO STAY AWAY FROM ISSUE. THIS WAS CONFIRMED TO EMBOFF THE NEXT DAY BY LIBERAL CANDIDATE FRANCISCO HUERTA MONTALVO.

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